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1. BEFORE WE NOTIFY VOLUNTARY AGENCIES OF THE APPROVED USARM PROGRAM FOR CY 78, WE REQUEST DEPARTMENT RECONSIDER DECISION TO TERMINATE STUDENT AID PROGRAMS IN MACAU AT THE END OF THIS CALENDAR YEAR AS STATED IN REF B. MACAU'S ECONOMY HAS NOT PROSPERED IN THE SAME MANNER AS HONG KONG'S AND THE SUDDEN TERMINATION OF USARM SUPPORT TO THESE SCHOOLS, WHICH REPRESENT THE BULK OF THE NON-COMMUNIST SCHOOLS IN THIS PORTUGUESE TERRITORY, WOULD PUT CONSIDERABLE STRAIN ON THE SCHOOL SYSTEM. IN OUR PROPOSED BUDGET FOR CY 1978 (REF A) WE RECOMMEND PROVIDING IN 1979 HALF OF THE STUDENT AID FOR MACAU GRANTED IN 1978 (I.E., \$4,258 FOR HKCC AND \$24,194 FOR CRS). THIS PHASE-OUT WOULD EASE THE SHOCK AND WOULD MORE GENTLY BRING TO A CLOSE A PROGRAM THAT HAS SUCCESSFULLY OPERATED SINCE 1964.

2. USARM'S CY 1978 BUDGET PROPOSAL INCLUDED SERVICES FOR BOTH INDOCHINA AND CHINESE REFUGEES. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THAT THE VOLUNTARY AGENCIES MAY NOW
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INCLUDE INDOCHINESE REFUGEES IN THEIR CY 1978 USARM SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES.
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